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1. SUMMARY. USREP CALLED ON FINNISH AMB RAJAKOSKI ON
FEB. 28, TO CONVEY VIEWS PARA 2 REFTEL. RAJAKOSKI APPRECIATED
SPEEKY USG RESPONSE TO HIS EARLIER INQUIRY; THOUGHT GOF WOULD
SHORTLY CONVEY INFORMALLY INDICATIONS IT WAS NOT SEEKING
PRESIDENCY OF SEABED REVCON FOR PASTINEN. IN AFTERNOON
MEETING WESTERN CCD GROUP FEB 28, SAME SUBJECT AROSE AND
USREP RESPONDED ALONG LINES PARA 3 REFTEL. IN DISCUSSION

ON OTHER SUBJECTS WITH SOV REP, MORNING OF MARCH 1, USREP ALSO MADE SAME RESPONSE, AND LIKHATCHEV EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR US ATTITUDE. END SUMMARY

2. PURSUANT INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, USREP (MEYERS) CALLED ON FINNISH AMB RAJAKOSKI MORNING FEB 28 TO EXPLAIN USG APPRECIATION FOR FINNISH UNREP PASTINEN'S SKILLS AND CAPABILITIES, AND THAT HE WOULD BE OUR FIRST CHOICE AMONG POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FROM NEUTRAL COUNTRIES, NOTING ALSO THAT RAJAKOSKI, IN HIS APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT, FEB 18, HAD INDICATED AWARENESS OPPOSITION TO PASTINEN AS PRESIDENT SEABED RDVCON COMMENCING JUNE 20, USREP CONVEYED VIEWS AS STATED REFTEL PARA 2, INDICATING THAT US INCLINED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES SUPPORT POLISH REP WYZNER. RAJAKOSKI APPRECIATED RAPID USG RESPONSE TO HIS FEB 18 INQUIRY; WAS CERTAIN HE WOULD SHORTLY BE INSTRUCTED CONVEY WORD AROUND THAT FINLAND WAS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN SEABED REVCON PRESIDENCY; AND THOUGHT BOTH PASTINEN WOULD BE RELIEVED AND THAT GOV COULD AVOID UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION WITH RESPECT NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, WHO SEEMED FAVOR POLISH REP'S CANDIDACY.

3. IN AFTERNOON FEB 28, AT END OF DISCUSSIONS AMONG WESTERN CCD GROUP REGARDING TACTICS AND SUBSTANCE FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD, REPORTED SEPTTEL, ISSUE OF REVCON PRESIDENCY AROSE, AND USREP STATED USG INCLINED TOWARD WYZNER, ALTHOUGH US ALSO REGARDED PASTINEN AS WELL-QUALIFIED AND ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE, IF THERE WERE CONSENSUS IN HIS FAVOR. HOWEVER, USREP ALSO NOTED THAT FINNS APPEARED AWARE OF NON-ALIGNED OPPOSITION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PASTINEN, DERIVING IN PART FROM HIS ROLE IN SUCCESSFULLY STEERING ENMOD RES IN LAST UNGA TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, AND THERE WERE INDICATIONS GOV MIGHT WELL WITHDRAW PASTINEN'S TENTATIVE CANDIDACY.

4. IN DISCUSSION WITH SOV REP LIKHATCHEV, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR MARCH 1 MORNING CCD PLENARY, USREP ALSO INDICATED VIEWS DESCRIBED PARA 3 REFTEL, SIMILAR TO RESPONSE TO WESTERN GROUP PREVIOUS DAY. LIKHATCHEV EXPRESSED BOTH OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR US INDICATION OF WILLINGNESS SUPPORT WYZNER. CATTO

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